

In the Ezhava community, there were 100 graduates in arts and science, 50 graduates in law and 3 graduates in medicine, who were unemployed.

There was only one Ezhava officer in the Judicial Department. The community should be represented in the High Court and in the Law's Delays Committee.

Ezhavas should be appointed more freely in the Excise, Police, Registration, Revenue, Anchal and Education Departments. There was not even a single Ezhava in the higher ranks of those departments.

DEWAN'S REPLY. Mr. Sankaran, നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ള സംതരികളെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഗാഢമായി പശ്ചാലോചിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

[The points urged in the representation will be carefully considered.]

169. Representation of Makkathayi Tamil Ezhavas in public service.

MR. R. RAMASWAMI (*Nominated*) spoke about the need for adequate representation of *makkattayi* Tamil Ezhavas in the public service. He said that his community was very backward in education and that there were only two graduates in it. But it was deplorable that one of them, a graduate in law with 14 years of service, was still a clerk in the Secretariat, while the other was only holding an acting appointment in the subordinate ranks of the Excise Department. As the community was very backward in education, the qualified members should be adequately encouraged in the public service and those who did not possess examination qualifications should be entertained in the lower ranks of the Land Revenue, Excise, Judicial, Police, Co-operative, Anchal and other departments.

With a view to the advancement of education among the Tamil Ezhavas, pupils of that community should be given half-fee concessions in schools.

Lastly, a seat should be reserved in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly for Tamil Ezhavas.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Ramaswami, I have given replies to several representations similar to yours that the minority communities cannot expect to have their representatives nominated every year, because there are several such communities. But, I do not think you can call yourself a minor community unless you divide the Ezhava community into Tamil and Malayali Ezhavas. That does not appear to be a division that is recognised ; but, if you want to make that division, you can call yourself a minor community.

In regard to recruitment to public service, I have already said that there is nothing against the members of any community being entertained in public service, with the exception, perhaps, of one or two departments. As you yourself say, there are only two graduates in your

community, and they must consider themselves lucky in having got into public service, both of them, while the complaint of the members of other communities is that they have a large number of graduates walking about without employment. I may assure you that your community, along with other communities—backward communities—will have the special sympathy and consideration of Government.

170. Removal of inequalities in public service so far as Catholic Christians are concerned.

Mr. ULAHANNAN ULAHANNAN (*Minachil taluk, Group I*) said that Catholic Christians contributed largely to the material prosperity of the country. Due to their commercial and industrial activities, the country gained an unmeasured accession of strength and splendour. There were innumerable educational institutions which were established and maintained by the community. But in the distribution of appointments, its claims were generally overlooked. The predominance of other communities in public service must be shared at least equally with the Catholic Christians.

The Revenue Department was thrown open to all communities some years ago, but the Catholic community was not benefited by the change. Catholics should be appointed as Proverthicars, Tahsildars and Division Assistants without further delay.

The representation of Catholics in the Judicial, Police, Excise, Education and Public Works Departments and in the Huzur Office was not much better. Stringent circular orders should be issued to the heads of departments for Catholics being liberally entertained in service.

In conclusion, the member said that the Catholic Christians claimed only parity with other communities in the matter of appointments.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Ulahannan, ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ നയം ഇന്നതാണെന്നു മുഖ്യമന്ത്രി പറഞ്ഞുകഴിഞ്ഞു. അതനുസരിച്ചു എല്ലാവിധിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലും എല്ലാസമുദായക്കാർക്കും ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നു സർക്കാർ ഉത്തരവുകൾ അയക്കണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അതുപോലെ ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഇപ്പോൾതന്നെ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MEMBER : സർക്കാർ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും അനുഭവത്തിൽവന്നിട്ടില്ല. ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ ആ സ്ഥാനത്തുവരുമ്പോൾ അവരുടെ ജാതിയിൽപെട്ടവർക്കല്ലാതെ മറ്റു ജാതിക്കാർക്കു ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുക്കുകയുണ്ടാകുന്നു.

DEWAN : സർക്കാർ അനുസരിച്ചു നടപടികൾ ശരിയായി നടത്തുന്നില്ലെന്നു നിങ്ങൾ പറയുന്നതിനെ ഗവണ്മെൻറു നോട്ടുചെയ്തു ആലോചിക്കാം.

[The policy of the Government in regard to the entertainment of persons in public service has already been explained. In accordance with that policy, circulars have been issued to heads of departments to